

Notice of Allowability

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09/826,081

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed on 04/04/2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-56.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/28/2002.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Claims 1-56 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The examiner has found that the prior art of record shows similar limitations but not in the same scope, arrangement, or combination of a method, system, and program for enabling communication between devices using different address format comprising: receiving a frame from a first network device directed toward the second network device; determining whether one address in the second address format is available to communicate with the second network device; and (the major difference in claims not found in the prior art) defining a correspondence between the first network device address in the first address format and the determined address in the second address format if one address in the second address format is available, wherein the determined address is used to represent the first network device to the second network device at set forth in the independent claims 1, 17, 33, and 41.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

3. The examiner as of general interest cites the following references.
 - a. Edholm, U.S. Patent No. 6,772,210.
 - b. Munoz et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,741,585.
 - c. Ford et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,687,755.
 - d. Lemilainen et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,681,259.
 - e. Ray et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,587,455.
 - f. Ishij, U.S. Patent No. 6,542,935.
 - g. May, Jr. et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,321,255.
 - h. Nelson, U.S. Patent No. 6,292,838.
 - i. Karapetkov et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,137,799.
 - j. Karapetkov et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,081,836.
 - k. Karapetkov et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,974,452.
 - l. Andrews et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,835,723.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bharat Barot whose telephone number is (703) 305-4092. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

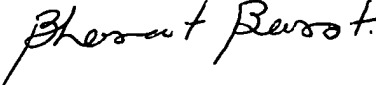
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alam, Hosain, can be reached at (703) 308-6662. A central official fax number is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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